

FERTILITY RATE FOR GIRLS 15 YEARS OF AGE

Objective

By 1990, the fertility rate for girls 15 years of age should be reduced to 10 per 1,000.

Explanatory Notes

The fertility rate is calculated as the number of resident live births to girls 15 years of age per 1,000 female population 15 years of age. N.C. population bases for single years of age are not available prior to 1980.

Findings

The North Carolina rate has consistently run above the nation's and rose in each of the last two years. Projections indicate a declining rate to 15.8 in 1990. The nation also is not expected to meet this objective (3).

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics